



CITY OF DURHAM | NORTH CAROLINA

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**To:** Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager  
**Through:** W. Bowman Ferguson, Deputy City Manager  
**From:** Marvin G. Williams, Director of Public Works  
**Subject:** John Noel, Citizen Request to Appear at Work Session Regarding Construction Traffic on Turner Street and Leonard Drive

A review of the construction drawings for the Rustica Oakes development shows that Turner Street was not intended to be a continuous section from Leonard Drive into the subdivision during subdivision construction. The paved section of Turner Street was to have "End of Road" sign markers to eliminate cross traffic between the paved and unpaved portions. These signs will be removed once subdivision construction is complete. The requirement for these signs was added as a concession to the residents of Turner Street during the construction drawing approval process for Rustica Oakes.

The sign barricades are now in place and the Public Works inspectors will continue to monitor these signs to ensure they remain. This information has been conveyed to Mr. John Noel. Additional signage is also recommended to address any traffic that might approach from the opposite direction along Turner Street. These signs should eliminate construction traffic from the subdivision accessing Turner Street and Leonard Drive.

The Public Works Street Maintenance Division has assessed the condition of the both Turner Street and Leonard Drive. Both streets remain in good condition and will continue to be monitored on the routine schedule for unpaved City streets. Maintenance will be scheduled as necessary.

Also in 2010, Leonard Drive and Turner Street were ordered by Council for improvement to be constructed as ribbon paved asphalt streets. There are currently nine petition dirt streets ordered for improvement. Leonard Drive and Turner Street were ordered together and are listed as one project. These streets are number 5 on the list of 9 petition dirt street projects. Construction of all nine petition dirt street projects has been funded. Preliminary designs are under way by Public Works staff for the first two streets. Preliminary design on Leonard Drive/Turner Street is not expected to begin prior to summer 2017.